STRENGTH THROUGH INNOVATION NO-COST ASSESSMENT QUALIFICATION SCREENING CRITERIA

The following parameters will be evaluated for awarding the No-Cost Assessment. One manufacturer will be selected based on a scoring process. Further details regarding the process will be provided at the workshop. Attendance at the workshop is required for participation. It is important to note that if your company does not fall into the ideal parameters as outlined below, the workshop will still provide beneficial information to integrate into your facility operations.

Please note that the information requested will be used by the workshop partners ONLY for the sole purpose of selecting the candidate. This information will not be shared, distributed, retained, or used in any other manner by the partners, nor will it be forwarded to EPA.

Participation Commitment & Availability

- Willing to provide the following dedicated resources for up to a total of 24 hours for the assessment and associated training:
 - Conference room
 - Person to accompany assessment team
 - Access to speak with employees, necessary paperwork and all operations of the facility Note that hours may be delivered on full-day, half-day and/or non-consecutive days as arranged with the client.
- Provide information requested in order to assess readiness and baseline metrics.
- Demonstrated proactive corporate culture toward environmental sustainability and facility operations.
- Ability to schedule an initial site visit by July 31, 2015 and complete training and assessment activities by September 30, 2015.

General Business Information

- Manufacturing facility is required to be located in Kentucky with preference given for the following:
 - o American-based ownership with higher preference for those in Kentucky
 - Located in HUD zones and/or a designated rural area
 - In operation at least 5 years
 - Less than 250 employees
 - o 250,000 square feet or less

Facility Operations

- Potential for significant facility operation impacts with preference given for the following:
 - Environmental impacts related to solid and hazardous waste generation and water usage
 - Impacts for operations with high energy usage (personnel, utilities, etc) with Electrical
 Demand less than 5MW average demand per month
 - Processes with numerous moving components resulting in multiple stages and flow of materials.